

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

41-2573

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of Texas, do hereby veto H.B. 674 because of the following objections:

This bill would prohibit courts from submitting cases to alternative dispute resolution where a motion to transfer venue or a motion for special appearance has been filed. In fact, the bill would not allow the court to make this referral even if the parties were willing to submit the dispute to ADR. While these motions must be filed at the beginning of a lawsuit, this period is often the best time for the parties to attempt to resolve the suit. To limit the availability of the process at that time could slow the resolution and further clog our overcrowded courts.

The Secretary of State will take notice of this action and will notify the members of the Legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 19 day of June, 1993.



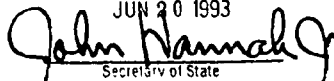
Ann W. Richards
Governor of Texas



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Secretary of State